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Sir:

The Statement refers to "the invention as claimed" and then paraphrases certain steps of the method of Claim 30. However, these steps and limitations are not present in other claims, such as, for example, Claims 15, 22 and 35 which are directed to an optical reader and not a method and Claim 29 which includes steps of focusing and arranging but no step of projecting.

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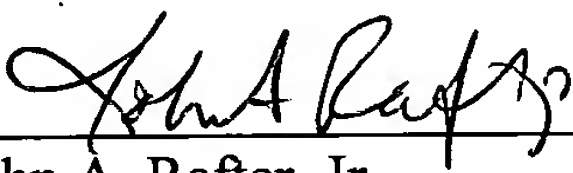
Thus it is submitted that the Statement refers to aspects or limitations that are not present in most or any of the claims.

In any event, it is submitted that the claims, both independent and dependent, include limitations which provide combinations which are distinguished from the items of record.

Therefore it is submitted that the claims are patentable over the items of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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